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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: STERZEL ET AL.

GROUP ART UNIT: 1745

SERIAL NO. 09/509,789

EXAMINER:

LAURA S. WEINER

FILED: MARCH 20, 2000

FOR: ESTERS AS SOLVENTS IN ELECTROLYTE SYSTEMS FOR LI-ION STORAGE CELLS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 31, 2001, kindly enter and consider the following remarks for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

REMARKS

Claims 11 to 20 as submitted upon filing of the application are pending in this case.

The Examiner has required election of, and restriction of the application to, one of the following groups

- I) Claims 11 to 19, drawn to a method of using an ester or the composition as an electrolyte system, an electrolyte composition and a Li-ion storage cell comprising the ester or the composition; and
- II) Claim 20, drawn to a process of making the ester.

Applicants herewith elect the claims of Group (I) with traverse. Traversal of the Examiner's restriction

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